

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 57-60 and 63-75 stand rejected under the doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 5,903,882. Applicants have submitted a Terminal Disclaimer herewith and, accordingly, respectfully request that such double patenting rejections be withdrawn.

Claims 61 and 62 are patentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,903,882 at least by virtue of their dependency from claim 1 and for the additional features recited therein.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss them.

Should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account no. 03-3975, under our order no. 061047/0268225. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

PILLSBURY WINTHROP SHAW PITTMAN LLP



Jean-Paul Hoffman
Reg. No. 42,663
Tel. No. 703-770-7794
Fax No. 703-770-7901

JGH
P. O. Box 10500
McLean, VA 22102
(703) 770-7900